Medicare Helpful Tips!

- 1. Ask questions about Medicare coverage you do not understand. Customer service representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 2. By law, your health care provider must file claims with Medicare.
- 3. Never give your Medicare number to anyone but a health care provider, your supplemental insurer, SHIIP representative, or the Medicare Helpline.
- 4. The only time Medicare will call you is to get more information.
- 5. Always report fraud and abuse to Medicare.
- 6. Never pay the provider or supplier up front, except for deductible on coinsurance, on assigned claims.
- 7. Never send Medicare the deductible or coinsurance you owe to your provider.
- 8. Carefully read your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) and keep it for at least one year.

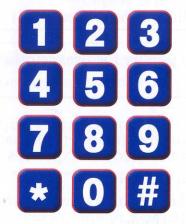
Website:

www.medicare.gov 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)



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Important Phone Numbers





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Then you should contact	The phone number is
Medicare Peer Review Organization (PRO) - Health Care Excel, Incorporated Look on the Internet at www.hce.org	1-800-288-1499
Hoosier RX - Indiana's Prescription Drug Program for low income seniors www.in.gov/HoosierRX	Toll free 1-866-267-4679 1-317-234-1318
Area Agency on Aging (AAA) or Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Look on the Internet at www.iaaaa.org or www.state.in.us/idoi/shiip	1-800-986-3505 (AAA) or 1-800-452-4800 (SHIIP)
Medicare Fraud and Abuse Hotline	1-800-477-8477 or 1-800-377-4950 for the hearing and speech impaired (TTY)
Disability Aging and Rehab Services (DARS), Bureau of Aging and In-Home Services (BAIHS) or Area Agency on Aging (AAA)	1-800-545-7763 (DARS)or 1-317-232-7020 (BAIHS)or 1-800-986-3505 (AAA)
Indiana Department of Insurance	1-800-622-4461
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 2a Medicare coverage for durable medical equipment (DME): ✓ wheel chairs, hospital beds, walkers, oxygen, etc. ✓ where to get a free list of Medicareapproved supplies 	Medicare for DME - AdminaStar Federal (Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier) Look on the Internet at www.medicare.gov or www.adminastar.com	1-800-270-2313 TDD for the hearing and speech impaired: 1-866-284-0881
2b ✓ supplemental insurance (Medigap) ✓ which insurance pays first ✓ long term care insurance ✓ your medical bills ✓ choosing a Medicare managed care health plan	Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) SHIIP can give you FREE information or refer you to the right place. Look on the Internet at www.state.in.us/idoi/shiip	1-800-452-4800 or 1-317-233-3475
2c How to appeal payment denials for: Medicare Medicare supplemental insurance your Medicare managed care plan	Medicare, Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), or Your Medicare Managed Care Plan	1-800-622-4792 (Medicare), 1-800-452-4800 (SHIIP), or Your Medicare Managed Care Plan Telephone Number
2d / Medicaid eligibility / Assistance with Medicare costs / Medicare savings program	Your local office of Family and Children or the Medicaid Eligibility Unit	1-317-232-4966
2e / Medicaid covered medical expenses	EDS Recipient Hotline	1-800-457-4584 or 1-317-488-5018

Do you have questions about	Then you should contact	The phone number is
 la ✓ replacing a Medicare card ✓ how to update a Medicare file (change of address or date of death) ✓ enrolling in Medicare ✓ the Medicare premium amount taken out of your Social Security check 	Social Security Administration (SSA) or your local Social Security Office Look on the Internet at www.ssa.gov	1-800-772-1213* or TTY for the hearing and speech impaired: 1-800-325-0078 *Railroad retirees should call their local Railroad Retirement Board Offices or 1-800-808-0772
Your Medicare Part A (Hospital) coverage: what it pays for hospital care what it pays for skilled nursing facility (nursing home) care why your claim was not paid	Medicare of Indiana - AdminaStar Federal Look on the Internet at www.medicare.gov or www.adminastar.com	1-877-602-2430 or TDD for the hearing and speech impaired: 1-866-284-0881
1c Your home health and hospice coverage under Medicare: ✓ asking about claim	Medicare for Home Health and Hospice - Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators Look on the Internet at www.pgba.com	1-800-583-2236
Your Medicare Part B (Medical) coverage: ✓ asking about a claim ✓ doctors' services ✓ outpatient care ✓ other medical services ✓ where to get a free list of Medicare-approved doctors	Medicare of Indiana - AdminaStar Federal or Railroad Medicare Look on the Internet at www.medicare.gov or www.adminastar.com	1-800-622-4792* TDD for the hearing and speech impaired: 1-866-284-0881 *Railroad retirees should call Railroad Medicare at 1-800-833-4455